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PCI VISIT US

1. AUGUST 11 EDITION OF TRIESTE DAILY IL PICCOLO CARRIES
FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE ON PCI BY ITS CORRESPONDENT MARINA
ALESSI. WHILE BULK OF ARTICLE DEALS WITH RECENT VISIT
OF PCI DELEGATION TO USSR AND REACTIONS THERETO, IT
CARRIES SUBTITLE QTE MISSION OF ITALIAN COMMUNISTS ALSO
TO WASHINGTON UNQTE. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PORTION OF
ARTICLE DEALING WITH ALLEGED PCI-US CONTACTS:

2. QTE ONE SEES ALSO THE ATTENTION WHICH THE PCI DEVOTES
TO INTERNATIONAL BALANCES AND HOW IT TENDS TO NOT MINIMIZE
THE DIALOGUE WHICH FOR SEVERAL MONTHS IT HAS BEEN CONDUCTING
WITH LEADING EXPONENTS OF UNITED STATES FOREIGN AND ECONOMIC
POLICY. IN COMING MONTHS THESE CONTATS WILL CULMINATE
- IT IS CERTAIN - IN A VISIT, IF NOT OF BERLINGUER HIMSELF,
THEN OF MEMBERS OF HIS DIRECTIVE GROUP TO WASHINGTON UNQTE.

3. IL PICCOLO HAS HERETOFORE TREATED RUMORS OF PCI-US
CONTACTS WITH CONSIDERABLE RESERVE. MATTER-OF-FACT TONE
OF ABOVE REPORT WILL LEND IT ADDITIONAL CREDIBILITY IN
EYES OF MANY READERS. RACKMALES

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